

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

8. (Twice Amended) A catheter, comprising:
a first elongate shaft having an inner surface defining a lumen;
a second elongate shaft having an outer surface,
the second elongate shaft slidably disposed within the lumen of the first
elongate shaft;
an interstitial member disposed between the inner surface of the first elongate shaft
and the outer surface of the second elongate shaft the interstitial member having a proximal
end, a distal end, an inner surface, and an outer surface,
the inner surface of the interstitial member facing the outer surface of
the second elongate shaft and
the inner surface of the interstitial member shaped to engage only a
portion of the outer surface of the second elongate shaft between the proximal end of the
interstitial member and the distal end of the interstitial member;
a housing coupled to the first elongate shaft proximate the proximal end thereof;
a slider disposed about the second elongate shaft proximate a proximal portion
thereof;
wherein the slider is disposed within a chamber defined by the housing.

REMARKS

Claims 1-3, 8-10, 15-17 and 20 are currently pending in the above-referenced Application following the Examiner's withdrawal of claims 4-7, 11-14 and 18-19 from consideration in the Office Action mailed May 22, 2002.

In the currently pending Final Office Action, claim 20 is noted as allowable over the prior art of record. As to the remaining claims, claims 1-3 continue to stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,261,889 to Laine, *et al.* ("Laine"), claims 1-3 and 8-10 continue to stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(a) as anticipated by PCT publication WO 99/44656 by Rosengart, *et al.* ("Rosengart"), and claims 1-3, 8-10 and 15-17 continue to stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,486,161 to Lax, *et al.* ("Lax"). In addition, a drawing objection remains regarding a fluid